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For: ***SPECIMEN COLLECTION CONTAINER***

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Because this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed prior to receipt of a First Office Action on the Merits for the above-captioned application, a fee for filing this statement should not be due. If, however, it is determined that a fee is due, any fees that may be due in connection with filing this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1213.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all references known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicant's representative hereby provides this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98. Form PTO-1449 (9 pages) and cited references are provided herewith.

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as amended effective March 16, 1992, no further explanation of the listed items is necessary.

Applicant also makes known to the Examiner the following co-pending U.S. applications which are commonly owned and/or have one or more inventors in common with the instant application:

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10/336,204	01/04/03			0274
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09/579,672	05/26/00			0278
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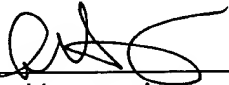
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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing references and information and that they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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	BB	4	6	7	8	7	5	7	07/07/87	Rapkin <i>et al.</i>	436	169	04/11/85
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	BD	4	7	0	3	0	1	7	12/04/01	Campbell <i>et al.</i>	436	532	02/14/84
	BE	4	7	2	5	4	0	6	02/16/88	Compton <i>et al.</i>	422	58	10/21/85
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	BV	4	9	7	3	5	4	9	11/27/90	Khanna <i>et al.</i>	435	11	06/22/87
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	DA	5	3	5	4	6	9	2	10/11/94	Yang <i>et al.</i>	436	514	09/08/92
	DB	5	3	5	6	7	8	2	10/18/94	Moorman <i>et al.</i>	435	7.9	09/03/92
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	DI	5	4	5	1	5	0	4	09/19/95	Fitzpatrick <i>et al.</i>	435	53	07/29/91
	DJ	5	4	8	9	4	1	4	02/06/96	Schreiber <i>et al.</i>	422	64	04/22/94
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	DS	5	6	5	6	5	0	3	08/12/97	May <i>et al.</i>	436	514	09/15/94
	DT	5	7	1	2	1	7	2	01/27/98	Huang <i>et al.</i>	436	518	04/18/95
	DU	5	7	1	4	3	8	9	02/03/98	Charlton <i>et al.</i>	436	514	12/23/92
	DV	5	7	1	6	7	7	8	02/10/98	Weng <i>et al.</i>	435	4	05/15/89
	DW	5	7	2	8	5	8	7	03/17/98	Kang <i>et al.</i>	436	518	06/07/96
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	EC	5	8	6	9	0	0	6	02/09/99	Fanning <i>et al.</i>	422	67	01/13/98
	ED	5	8	7	4	2	1	6	02/23/99	Mapes	435	6	02/23/96
	EE	5	8	7	7	0	2	8	03/02/99	Chandler <i>et al.</i>	436	514	03/31/93
	EF	5	9	0	4	8	9	8	05/18/99	Markart	422	61	03/17/98
	EG	5	9	1	6	8	1	5	06/29/99	Lappe	422	56	02/14/97
	EH	5	9	2	2	5	3	3	07/13/99	Vallari <i>et al.</i>	435	5	08/15/97
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	EK	5	9	3	2	4	3	0	08/03/99	Larka <i>et al.</i>	435	7.32	03/10/98
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	EO	5	9	6	5	4	5	8	10/12/99	Kouvonon <i>et al.</i>	436	518	04/09/97
	EP	5	9	7	6	8	9	5	11/02/99	Cipkowski	422	102	03/11/96
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	FA	6	3	7	5	8	9	7	04/23/02	Bachand	422	58	02/14/00
	FB	6	3	7	9	6	2	0	04/30/02	Tydings <i>et al.</i>	422	58	11/16/98
	FC	6	4	0	6	9	2	2	06/18/02	Casterlin <i>et al.</i>	436	518	01/29/01
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	FG	0	2	5	0	1	3	7	06/08/87	EP A2 & B1				
	FH	0	2	8	4	2	3	2	10/30/02	EP A1 & B2				
	FI	0	2	9	1	1	9	4	02/16/94	EP A1 & B1				
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